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NOTE: Look for more pioneers of yesterday, in our future publications.

ON THE COVER...**BLACK HISTORY ON FASHION**

'Remember When' has always been a trademark of the Trend and After Hour publications - we never want to forget where we came from in our society or culture.

Many of our readers seem puzzled when we talk about the past. Well there's a saying: if you don't know about your past, you'll not know where you're going in the future.

Our people didn't always have the money to spend on the best clothes until after the second World War. Our youth then began to purchase the best, or say 'top shelf' - and the photos on the cover are a part of fashion and the moving up to a better life.

The ladies shown are not from 1945, but mostly the latter part of the 1960s, when they were considered some of the best dressed persons around Northern Jersey.

'Remember When' showcases these photos as a group, who at one time, held the attention of the youth of the day - who followed them into modeling, fashion designing, hair styling and excellent taste and manners in public places.

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POLLY TICKS...



by LORRAINE LAVENDER, Associate Editor

REPARATION

Derrick Z. Jackson, noted *Globe* columnist, stated in a recent article, "Many white Americans say reparations are impossible because the slaves are dead, most white Americans did not own slaves, and the ancestors of many white Americans immigrated here after slavery. They say that the 600,000 deaths in the Civil War is all the apology African-Americans deserve."

Others claim that paying reparations to African-Americans would bankrupt the United States. Who said that the United States was the only country responsible for slavery? Didn't almost every country in the world participate in the slave trade?

Then, why can't all these countries contribute to reparations just as Germany, Switzerland, and other countries have paid the Jews many times for the holocausts inflicted on them.

Even Africa should be held responsible for payment to their countrymen and women who were unwilling victims of one of the most hideous sys-

tems as ever perpetrated on a people. Which should be also called holocausts. As you may have read recently, some African countries are just acknowledging their part in abetting slave trade and recognize their responsibility to their African brothers and sisters in the Americas.

There is no question that African-Americans were promised the 40 acres and a mule. The question that needs to be answered is "Why don't these people want to pay us?" Why doesn't the United States call a summit meeting on reparations? Why is such an obvious solution being ignored?

Robert Browne wrote that the goal of reparations should be to "restore the black community to the economic position it would have had if it had not been subjected to slavery and discrimination." Reparations would be the world's recognition that white wealth is based to a horrendous extent, on black credit. The world must address reparations.

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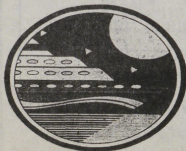
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FALLING LEAVES

TODD DUNCAN

Baritone, originated role of Porgy

Todd Duncan, an operatic baritone who originated the role of Porgy in George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," died of a heart ailment at his home in Washington. He was 95.

Duncan, a resident of the capital for nearly 70 years, was a trailblazer in desegregating American opera. In 1945, singing the role of Tonio in "Pagliacci," he became the first black artist to appear with the New York City Opera.

SUZANNE DIANE HARRIS

She was the daughter of the late Mack Joseph and Dorothy Louise Harris. She is survived by one daughter, Marlena Maureen, five sisters, three brothers, her godparents, Frank Caughman and Pastor Mary Caughman and a host of relatives and friends.

DAVID L. VANNOY

After a 18-year battle with epilepsy and asthma. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, one son, Kyle, his mother Barbara Vannoy, two brothers, one sister and grandmother, also a host of other relatives and friends. David lived his young life at the fullest and will always live in our memories.

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MARCH 26 - THURSDAY, Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County Business Exchange Card Affair at **Seabras 21**, at 1034 McCarter Highway, Newark, NJ, 7 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

APRIL 4 - SATURDAY, **Shaw Bears & Friends** are invited to "party again like we use to" with the **North Jersey Shaw University Alumni Association Oldies & Goodies Spring Dance** at **Rouzeau's Manor**, 180 Main Street, Orange, N.J. call **Metro World Promotions Ticket Service** at 973-926-1559.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

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TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 22

Keep to the tried and true paths, as you usually do. Spring can play havoc with your emotions. It's the time for love and you are ready.

GEMINI MAY 23-JUNE 21

In a crunch, you're the best. Trust your ability to organize and execute. No one expects you to be the whole show, but you have a very important role.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Home is your temple and you are the keeper of the gates. You need a vacation. Take one. Your sanctuary will be there when you return refreshed.

LEO JULY 23-AUGUST 22

Leading is good for you and your followers. Your warmth and understanding keeps you in charge.

VIRGO AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Being so practical is not so good for your love life. However, your devotion to work, duty, discipline, and the needy will go a long way in helping you find the right companion.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

Unless you intend to open your own business, start learning how to take orders. It's a really difficult balancing act your sign has to do.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

Loyalty is just a part of your nature, but you know when loyalty is not an asset. Your own beliefs hold the top priority. Nothing is wrong with that.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22

Think back over the past month. Some person not talking to you and you haven't got a clue as to why? It's your old "foot in mouth" problem. Just remember directness may seem innocent to you, but it hurts others.

CAPRICORNUS DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 20

Just be yourself. That can be a big order for you since you seem to get all nervous around certain people. People take their clues from your actions, so stop sending the wrong messages.

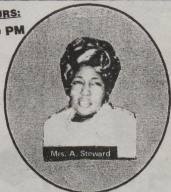
AQUARIUS JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19

You are taking too long to let that special person know that they are special. Being a pal is not what they have in mind.

PISCES FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20

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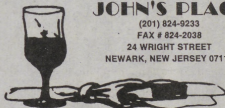
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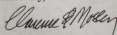
Dear Mr. Prince:

Mr. Hilton Davis, a dear friend since 1944, visited with me and my family in Stone Mountain, Georgia, recently. Of course we reminisced about our early teen years, athletic accomplishments in Elizabeth and Roselle, NJ, college experiences, military service, family life, and professional careers. Needless to say, we talked into the wee hours about the similarities and differences the path of life has taken us.

Hilton proudly gave me a copy of *The Black Mirror News* which I didn't get a chance to really absorb until after his visit. I found the publication to be an excellent mirror of issues in the community which I was a part of over fifty years ago. I was particularly drawn to the "Opinion" column by Lorraine Lavender and "The Shadow Knows" which was an underground publication when I was a young teenager in Roselle.

Kudos to you and your associates and my thanks to Hilton Davis for helping me refocus on my roots.

Sincerely,



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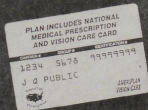
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